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SUBJECT: BRAZINSKAS CASE

REF: GENEVA 5338

1. LATE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 7, MRS. RUDIS TELEPHONED ME FROM ROME TO REPORT THAT SHE BELIEVED SHE HAD MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS. SHE HAD TALKED WITH A SENIOR FRIEND IN THE VATICAN AND BELIEVED SHE HAS ARRANGED FOR THE BRAZINSKASES TO BE ADMITTED TEMPORARILY TO A LITHUANIAN SEMINARY THERE. SHE ALSO HAS TALKED TO COUNT LUPPE (UNHCR IN ROME) WHO HAD TOLD HER THAT HE THOUGHT HE COULD GET TRANSIT VISAS FROM THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT EVEN THOUGH THE BRAZINSKASES ONWARD DESTINATION HAD NOT YET BEEN SETTLED. ACCORDING TO MRS. RUDIS, COUNT LUPPE HOPED TO GET THE GOI'S AGREEMENT TO THIS IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO.

2. MRS. RUDIS AGAIN RAISED WITH ME ON THE PHONE HER INTEREST IN GETTING THE BRAZINSKASES, OR AT LEAST THE SON, INTO THE UNITED STATES. SHE REPEATED THAT THEY WERE REGARDED IN LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY AS FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND THAT SHE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THEY COULD NOT COME TO THE US WHEN SO MANY OTHER

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REFUGEES WERE COMING ALL THE TIME. I AGAIN POINTED

OUT THAT THE USG IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO HIJACKING AND THAT THE
BRAZINSKASES' INVOLVEMENT IN A HIJACKING IN WHICH A STEWARDESS
WAS KILLED PLACED THEM IN A VERY DIFFERENT POSITION THAN A
NUMBER OF OTHER REFUGEES SEEKING ENTRY INTO THE US.
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